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In the Specification:

Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification as **Exhibit A** which incorporates the amendments previously made of record in the subject application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 46, 47 and 86-88 without prejudice. Please amend claim 2 as follows:

D1 *[Handwritten initials]*  
--2. (amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a feline CD86 ligand or a feline soluble CD86 ligand, wherein the isolated nucleic acid sequence is at least about 70% homologous with the nucleic acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:5.--

Please add the following claims:

D2  
--89. An isolated nucleic acid which encodes a feline CD86 ligand or a feline ~~soluble~~ CD86 ligand, said nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:5.--

*[Handwritten initials]* --90. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a feline CD86 ligand or a feline soluble CD86 ligand having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:6.--

REMARKS